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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Romain Jeanty

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 57-150 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 57-140 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This Office action is in response to the communication received July 21, 2005.

### **Response to Arguments**

2. Applicant's arguments filed July 21, 2005, with respect to the Restriction/Election have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Restriction/Election of claims 57-140 has been withdrawn. Claims 57-140 are pending in the application.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102**

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 57-140 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tornetta (U.S. Patent No. 4,870,576).

As per claims 57, 59, 62-68, 71-95, 98-104, 111, 114-116, 122-123, 126-128, 134-135, 138-140, Tornetta discloses interactively generating a list specification in real-time, interactively specifying a geographically defined area for which a contact list is desired including receiving user input (col. 2, lines 32-33; col. 9, lines 4-15, and col. 10, lines 12-224), interactively selecting a product "property" from a plurality of products and a threshold score for the product including receiving a user input (i.e., selecting a property including ranges of prices, lot size, sewer system, etc. Note col. 2, lines 24-29 and col. 10, lines 13-35), transmitting the list specification over the

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computer network to a server having a memory (transmitting the list to a host system (col. 10, lines 13-35);

building the contact list on the server in real-time based on the list specification (col. 9, lines 48-58), and transmitting the contact list to a user-specified node on the computer network if one or more characteristics of the contact list are approved by a user (col. 9, line 48-65).

As per claims 58, 94, 107, 119, 130-131, Tornetta further discloses wherein the characteristics of the contact list include a number of names/records on the contact list, the list specification for the contact list and a cost of the contact list (col. 3, lines 10-19; col. 7, lines 15-44).

As per claims 60, 96, 108, 120, Tornetta further discloses storing (in a database) the list specification in a memory (col. 8, lines 1-31), and it is inherent to rebuilding the contact list at a predetermined future time based on the stored list specification.

As per claims 61, 97, 109, 121, 133, Tornetta further discloses wherein the stored list specification corresponds to a selected business location of a multiple location business (col. 1 lines 29-52).

As per claims 69-70, 93, 105, 113, 124-125, 129, 132, 136-137, claim 69 recites the same limitations of rejected claim 57 above, with the only difference that claim 69 recites a server connected through a network. So claim 69 is rejected under the same rationale relied upon of claim 57. Tornetta further discloses such a server (host system 200). Note col. 7, lines 15-26 of Tornetta.

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As per claim 117, claim 117 recites the same limitations of rejected claim 69 above except for a specify location and a radius. In addition, Tornetta teaches such a specify location and radius. Note col. 9, lines-41. Therefore, claim 117 is rejected under the same analysis relied upon of claim 69.

### Conclusion

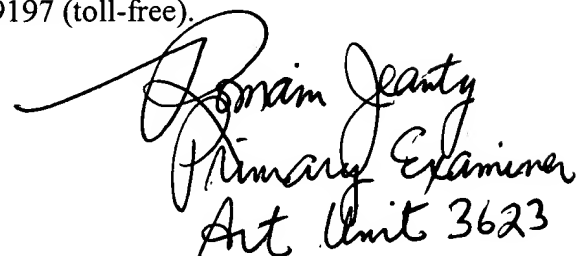
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Bailey (US Patent No. 6,785,671) discloses a searching system which selects a product with a threshold score.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (703) 308-9585. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R Hafiz can be reached on (703) 305-9643. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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